

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
61<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT COURT

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE  
FOR FELONY COMPLAINTS

CASE NO.

180 Ottawa, N.W., Suite 1400, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503      Phone 616/632-5525

Defendant:

Jared James Chance

Police Agency: Grand Rapids Police Department

Complaint Number: 18-090436

Date: 01/02/19

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Statement of facts to prove probable cause for each element of the crime charged (include detailed information on how you gained these facts, such as a confession, victim statement, third party witness, personal observations, etc.):

On 12/02/18 Officers Tryonis and Erickson responded to 922 Franklin St SE in the city of Grand Rapids. Upon arrival they met with Officer Bouwkamp and Sgt Alcala. 922 Franklin is a residence with two apartments. Apartment 1 is located on the main level and is inhabited by Mario Nelson and Yashieka Christian. Apartment 2 is located on the second level and is inhabited by Jared James Chance. There is also a basement at this address, to which none of the tenants have legal access to.

Officers responded to 922 Franklin because of a call by Mario Nelson indicating that he had found a blood covered tarp in the basement of 922 Franklin after having gone down to investigate a smell that had been permeating in the home for a few days. Mr. Nelson indicated to the police that even though he does not have access to the basement through the locked door, he is able to squeeze past the washer/dryer located in the common area on the main floor to gain access to the basement.

Upon entering the basement GRPD Officers located a tarp out of which blood was pooling from and noticed flesh inside the tarp. Officers cleared immediately, obtained a search warrant for the premises and then re-entered the home. After securing the home, Officers located the torso of a white female in the basement. The white female's torso was missing both arms, the neck, the head and both legs from approximately just above the knees down. DNA testing has confirmed that the deceased individual was Ashley Young. Ms. Young's arms and legs were located in a cardboard box inside the Franklin address on a stairwell landing leading down from Jared Chance's apartment. The cardboard box used to store Ms. Young's arms and legs was labeled as having been shipped to Jared Chance. Ms. Young's neck, head, hands, and feet have not been located.

Mario Nelson reported to Officers that a few days prior a white female was invited into apartment 2 by Jared Chance. Mr. Nelson indicated that about 1 ½ to 2 days after that, Jared Chance requested Mr. Nelson's aid in accessing the white female's car. Mr. Nelson never saw the white female leave the residence. Mr. Nelson has since identified the white female as Ashley Young.

Mario Nelson also reported to investigators that between 11/29/18 and 12/01/18 Jared Chance enlisted his help in gaining access to Ashley Young's car which was parked in the

at driveway at the Franklin address. Ashley Young's car was subsequently located just a few streets away from 922 Franklin.

Traces of suspected blood were found in the upstairs bathroom, including the bath tub. Suspected human tissue was also located in the kitchen sink trap. Suspected blood smears were located on the stairwell leading down to the main level in the area where the box with Ms. Young's remains were found.

Konrad Chance, Jared Chance's brother, last saw Ashley Young along with Jared on or about 11/25/18. At that time Konrad Chance witnessed Jared Chance pull out a .22 revolver, empty it of ammunition, then Jared Chance pointed the gun at Konrad and pulled the trigger multiple times. In addition, in the days leading up to Ms. Young's murder, Mario Nelson had a conversation with Jared Chance in Jared's kitchen. At that time Jared Chance had a .22 revolver and was constantly picking it up and moving it around the table in such a manner that Mario Nelson felt unsafe to be in Jared Chance's presence. During this conversation Jared Chance described to Mario Nelson about how he knew how to murder someone and get away with it. A thorough search of the basement where Ms. Young's torso was found also revealed several rounds of .22 caliber ammunition.

Ashley Young was last seen with Jared Chance on the morning of 11/29/18 at approximately 1:30 am at Miss Tracy's party store. Ashley Young's last text message sent from her phone was at approximately 5:46 am. Shortly thereafter, Ms. Young's cell phone ceased it's activity.

Investigators learned that on or about Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Jared Chance was picked up by his parents James and Barbara Chance along with Konrad. At that time, boxes from the Franklin address were placed into the Honda that Barbara Chance was driving and the Chance family returned to James and Barbara's home in Holland. Before going to Holland, they made a stop at Ashley Young's car to allow Jared the opportunity to retrieve another box from Ms. Young's car. A subsequent search warrant was executed on James and Barbara's home in Holland and revealed a saw under the couch in the Chance living room. Traces of human blood and tissue were found on this saw and in the Chance's Honda. Dr. Start performed the autopsy on Ms. Young's remains. His report indicates that a saw was used in her mutilation. According to Dr. Start, all of the mutilation occurred post mortem. Ms. Young did not die of an overdose, or of any natural causes. Without Ms. Young's neck and head, Dr. Start is unable to determine the exact cause of death, however based on the extensive mutilation of Ms. Young Dr. Start has labeled this a homicide by unspecified means.

Arresting Officer

Date

Signature of Notary/Judge/Magistrate

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on:

Probably Cause Found?



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